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## **OFFICERS—1909.**

### **President:**

W. Bro. Kenneth J. Dunstan.

### **Vice-President:**

R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor.

### **Secretary-Treasurer:**

V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith.

### **Executive Committee:**

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, Brampton.

R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, Thornhill.

R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, West Toronto.

W. Bro. T. Newton, Richmond Hill.

W. Bro. John McCurrah, Toronto.

### **Auditors :**

R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon.

V. W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman.

## I.

The Association shall be known as the Past Masters' Association of the Toronto Districts.

## II.

The Association shall be composed of all Past Masters who are members in good standing and of Worshipful Masters of the lodges of the Toronto Districts who comply with the by-laws.

## III.

The object of the Association shall be to develop and improve the study of Freemasonry, and all matters pertaining thereto, by means of essays or papers prepared by members of the Association, or by brethren not members thereof, but who have been appointed by the committee for that purpose, and by discussions and debates by the members on all Masonic questions, and all other matters of interest to the Craft in these Districts.

## IV.

All propositions for membership must be handed to the Secretary at least ten days prior to any regular meeting, and he shall report thereon at the next regular meeting.

## V.

A yearly fee of \$1 shall be payable in advance by each member, and if a member shall be in arrears for such fee, he shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of the Association until same shall have been paid.

## VI.

The fee payable by a brother on becoming a member of the Association shall be received as his yearly fee for the term ending on the 31st day of December of the year in which he so becomes a member.

## VII.

That a Past Master in good standing, or a Worshipful Master of a lodge, other than those mentioned in By-law No. 2, may be a visitor at any meeting of the Association, if introduced by a member, but he shall not be entitled, unless by the unanimous consent of the members, to take part in any of the discussions or proceedings of the Association.

## VIII.

That the regular meeting of the Association shall be held in the months of January, April, June and October of each year, on a day to be arranged by the Executive Committee, of which

each member shall be duly notified—the January meeting to be called the Annual Meeting.

### IX.

Special meetings of the Association shall be called by the President on the written request of seven members, at least one week's notice to be given to the members, and no business other than that for which the meeting is called to be entered upon.

### X.

That the Officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and an Executive Committee consisting of ten members, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in January, with two Auditors, whose duty shall be to audit all accounts in time for the annual meeting.

### XI.

Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### XII.

That it shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, and in his absence the Vice-President shall assume the chair; in the absence of the President



and Vice-President the members present shall choose from among themselves a chairman pro tem.

### XIII.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep the minutes of all meetings, to issue circulars calling such meetings, to collect the membership fees, and to keep proper account of all receipts and expenditures in connection with the Association and present a financial statement duly audited at the Annual Meeting.

### XIV.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to provide the programme for each meeting of the Association. They are also empowered to assess the members for such sum or sums of money as may be required to pay the expenses of the Association and which have been duly authorized by the members thereof. They shall also examine and pass all accounts incurred by the Association, and direct payment of same by the Secretary-Treasurer.

### XV.

The President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.



## XVI.

A candidate for office shall be nominated by a member of the Association, and in the event of a vote being found necessary the same shall be taken by ballot.

## XVII.

In all cases not heretofore provided for, a vote shall be taken by a show of hands.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling meeting to order.
2. Reading minutes of last and special meetings.
3. Business arising out of the minutes.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Receiving propositions for membership and Secretary's report on same.
6. General business.
7. Reading papers or such other work as may be provided by the Executive Committee.
8. Notices of motion.

## RULES OF ORDER.

The meetings of the Association shall be conducted according to the rules laid down for the government of the meetings of Masonic lodges, in so far as same may be found applicable thereto, except that an appeal to the members may be taken from the ruling of the chair.

These By-laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of such alterations or amendments shall have been given in writing one meeting previous to action being taken, and the members have been duly notified thereof by the Secretary-Treasurer.

HENRY T. SMITH,  
Sec.-Treasurer.



